

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Original): A crystalline valdecoxib form I, characterized by an x-ray powder diffraction pattern having peaks expressed as 2θ at about 9.7, 13.1, 14.0, 14.5, 17.0, 17.1, 17.7, 19.4, 20.9, 21.3, 21.8, 24.1, 25.4, 26.3 and 29.1 degrees.

Claim 2. (Previously Pending): The crystalline valdecoxib form I as defined in claim 1, further characterized by an x-ray powder diffraction pattern as in figure 1.

Claims 3-14. (Canceled)

Claim 15. (Currently Amended): A pharmaceutical composition comprising stable valdecoxib form I of claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.

Claims 16-17. (Canceled)

Claim 18. (New): The crystalline valdecoxib form I as defined in claim 1, further characterized by an x-ray powder diffraction pattern having peaks expressed as 2θ at about 9.7, 13.1, 14.0, 14.5, 17.0, 17.1, 17.7, 19.4, 20.9, 21.3, 21.8, 24.1, 25.4, 26.3 and 29.1 degrees.